RICHMOND. VA., SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1914.

PRICE FIVE CENTS

# GRIFFITH SIGNS WALTER JOHNSON

Premier American League Pitcher Places Name to Washington Contract.

RECEIVES \$500

Will Return \$6,000 Received From the Feds-Gilmore Refuses to Believe Story.

### READY FOR BIG RACE MEET AT NEW ORLEANS

250 Thoroughbreds Stabled at the Track—Business Men Back of Venture.

LIBERAL POLICY ANNOUNCED

Everything Will Be Given Horsemen-No License Fees Charged Olds to Feature Opening Event.

NEW ORLEANS, LA., December 19.— With the winter race meeting of the

KANSAS CITY, MO. December 19.—
Clark Griffith, manager of the Washington American League baseball club, announced here late to-day that he had signed Waiter Johnson as pitcher for the Washington Americans with a

ington American League baseball club, announced h.e. late to-day that he had signed Waiter Johnson as pitcher for the Washington Americans with a three-year contract, and that Johnson would play with Washington next season.

The manager and pitcher reported an agreement in an all-day conference. Johnson issued this signed statement:

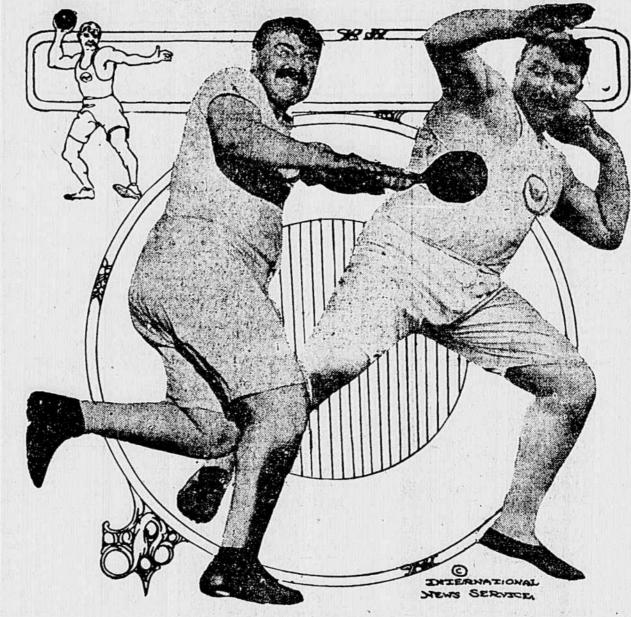
"After a conference with Manager Griffith and legal authority, I am convinced the option im my last year's contract with the Washington ball club and fulfill my agreement and at the terms offered me by that club."

Will Receive Salary of \$12,500. Manager Griffith said Johnson's new contract called for a salary of \$12,500 and fulfill my agreement and at the terms which Manager Tinker, of the Chienge Contract League contract December 3. The Federal League contract called for a salary of \$12,500 and year. The Federal League contract called for a salary of \$12,500 and year. The Federal League contract called for a salary of \$12,500 and year. The Federal League contract called for a salary of \$10,000 and year. The Federal League contract called for a salary of \$10,000 and year. The Federal League contract called for a salary of \$10,000 and year. The Federal League contract called for a salary of \$10,000 and year. The Federal League contract called for a salary of \$10,000 and year. The Federal League contract called for a salary of \$10,000 and year. The Federal League contract called for a salary of \$10,000 and year. The fight asking him to meet him to talk of the potton attached to Johnson's last season's contract. "I wrote to Johnson and told him the option was binding," said Griffith asking him to meet him to talk of the potton attached to Johnson's last season. Johnson wrote that if I could convince him that the option was legally when between the potton was legally to the potton attached to Johnson's him the option was legally and the option attached to Johnson's him to signed the potton attached to Johnson's him to signed the potton attached to Johnson's him to signed the potton at

Charles Weeghwan, president of the Chicago Federal Club, said to-night be would take every legal step possible to enforce Johnson's contract with the dividual who are desirious of betting part of the grounds known as the part of the helieved that by discovery the contract with the

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### WINS SIX WEIGHT-THROWING CHAMPIONSHIPS



of the Irish-American Athletic Club, New York.

Since the inseption of athletics in the traffic squad. The work on this of Celtic Park. Then he

corralled six senior titles in a year before.

After a rest of three months, Mc-Donald began training a few days after the first of the year. He didn't work hard on a track or field. He simply regulated his mode of living and did a little extra walking, in order to reduce his weight.

McDonald is a policeman, attached to

caught for the Pirates; Hartley, of Cincinnati; Wilson, of the Giants; Land, of the Naps; Owens, formerly of the White Sox, and Easterly, formerly

VALUABLE DIAMOND STARS of the Naps and White Sox.

Included in the list of outfielders that the Feds have taken from organ-

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"We contracted to pay him \$16,600 a way, promises to be most long two-year olds, the day, promises to be most long two-year o Frank Delehanty, Dan Murphy, Artie Course Equal to Those Most Scien-WALTER JOHNSON IS LATEST past their prime. Some were in the HOLIDAY TOURNEY ON DEC. 28 Would Likely Have Brought \$50,000
Had He Been Placed on Block.
Fifty Men Taken From Minors,
With More to Follow.

About \$750,000 worth of baseball talent has jumped to the Federal League since the "outlaw" organization began its flirtation with the dia-

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## TOP OF TENNIS LIST Review of the Season Shows the

Californian, for the Third Successiv Time, Holds Honor Position Among Rackets Experts.

M'LOUGHLIN PLACED AT

WESTERNERS ARE THE BEST

Lead in All Divisions-McLoughlin and Bundy First in Doubles-Woman's Section Headed by Miss Mary Browne, Also From West.

NEW YORK, December 19.—Maurice E. McLoughlin, of California, to-day was officially placed at the top of the National Tennis list for the season of 1914. It is the third consecutive time in his brief career that the famous player has held that position. The ranking committee announced they believed the object of the rating is to name the players in the relative order of their skill, irrespective of what titles and championships they may have won, and that is why they favored have won, and that is why they lavoled McLoughlin.

McLoughlin, by taking the place of No. 1 on the national list ahead of Richard N. Williams, second, is the first American in the thirty-five years of tennis in this country who has broken the rule of rating the holder of the Crown of the Courts in top place.

rules relating to the rating of the players, failed to find any decision which arbitrarily awarded the most honored position to the national champion.

Their finding in this respect smashes one of the flimsy traditions of the courts, but it smoothes the way for merit and other committees in years to come.

The committee recommends that provision for the future be made by a rule as to rating the national champion and considering Davis Cup matches and results.

As the ranking stands, the players from the Pacific coast lead in all divisions. McLoughlin heads the singles. McLoughlin and Thomas C. Bundy stand at the top of the doubles list, while Miss Mary Browne, the unbeatable California girl, who holds the national title, tops the women's ranking.

Mrs. Barger-Wallach. Mrs. Thomas C. Brundy and Mrs. B. F. Briggs worked out the women's ranking.

McLoughlin, Williams and Karl Behr. In the order named, the trio of the Davis Cup team, lead the men's singles list. Robert Lindley Murray, the youngest who, in the first season bowled over the veterans, takes the place of No. 4 ahead of William J. Clothier, a former national champion.

One of the remarkable features of the list is the fact that famous players do return to form, as evidenced by Frederick B. Alexander getting in eighth place, a notch behind George M. Church. The list of 100 names is strongly flavored with Western talent, a greater percentage appearing than in former years.

The rating of the doubles is admittedly a difficult task, because of the changes of partners. The old national changes of partners. The individual and changes of partners. The individual and changes of partners. The individual and changes of partners. The individual changes of partners. The individual and changes of partners. The individual changes of partners. The individual changes of partners. The

The first ten in the singles are:
1. Maurice McLoughlin.
2. Richard Williams.

PACE FOR GOLFERS

9. G. C. Shafer and King Smith. 10. R. D. Little and F. C. Inman. The women's singles ranking for 1914

tifically Laid Out in the North.

Annual Midwinter Meeting to Follow

Round Out the Month.

January 5-Trapshooting Next on the Program—Tennis Matches

Donald Ross in Charge. .

The women's singles ranking follows:

1. Miss Mary Browne.
2. Miss Florence Sutton.
3. Miss Marie Wagner.
4. Mrs. Edward Raymond.
5. Miss Edith Rotch.
6. Miss Eleanora Sears.
7. Mrs. Robert Williams.
8. Mrs. Davis Wood.
9. Mrs. H. A. Niemeyer.
10. Miss Sara Livingston.

## DANVILLE SCORES 147 POINTS

# 152,000 EXPERTS PLAY FOOTBALL

Popularity of Gridiron

Analysis of Star Performers of Country Compiled by Parke H. Davis.

BY PARKE H. DAVIS,
Princeton Member Intercollegiate
Rules Committee.
Intercollegiate football during the
past fall was played by 450 colleges,
5,000 secondary schools, and by 1,500
teams not connected with educational
institutions, but representing athletic
associations, large and small. Thirtyfour thousand games were played, and
152,000 players participated in the
games, matches and practice.
Notwithstanding the distractions of
war and the impediment of tight
money, more people than ever before
attended the games of the country,
estimates placing the number around
7,292,000 persons.

The culmination in attendance, of
course, was at the Harvard-Yale game,
where 70,000 people occupied almost
twenty-nine miles of seats in the magnificent Yale bowl.

the game, which necessarily is advancing the standards.

A pleasing feature of the record feats of the year is their widespread distribution. East, West, North and South, sharing equally in the laurels, thus indicating the settled nationality of the sport.

Largest Scores.

The largest sum of scores against all opponents was made by the Missouri School of Mines, generally known as Rolla, which accumulated 569 points to their opponents none. In the East, the leading exponent of heavy scoring is the remarkable eleven of Washington and Jefferson. Only five teams in the country passed the 300 mark in their total scores. These elevens and their summaries are as follows:
Rolla, 560; opponents, 0.

Washington and Jefferson, 369; opponents, 54.

Virginia, 353; opponents, 38.

Dartmouth, 319; opponents, 25.

Washington and Lee, 313; opponents, 12.

But hold! Before the large college

Washington and Lee, 313; opponents, 12.

But hold! Before the large college teams shake their plumes let them turn their eyes towards the Everett High School eleven of Everott, Mass. Here was a team that waged a schedule of thirteen games, meeting the best school teams of Massachusetts, Connecticut and New Hampshire, with a representative team from New York City, De Witt Clinton, and a representative team from Chicago, Oak Park, and defeated all opponents by the astounding total of scores 600 points to 0.

Century scores in a single game were fewer in number in 1914 than in previous years, another indication that defense is improving, and that large teams are not seeking to make records against smaller adversaries. Those teams which passed the hundred mark in one game are as follows:

Georgia Tech, 105: Mercer, 0.

Washington and Jefferson, 105: Dickinson, 0.

St. Louis, 104: Blackburn, 0.

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